

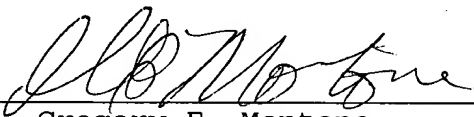
By the present amendment, applicants are canceling the non-elected claims 13-21, and intend to file a divisional application directed to these non-elected claims. Accordingly, examination on the merits of the Group I, claims 1-12 is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of, either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (566.40894X00).

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